

CONGRATULATING KEITH ELLIOTT  
WASHINGTON

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2014*

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Keith Elliott Washington for accomplishing his goal of visiting all seven continents.

I first met Keith a few years ago and he expressed his deep passion in politics and his interest in the needs of the American people.

I applaud him on completing a mission which began 18 years ago, when he first visited Senegal in 1996. This was his first visit outside of North America.

On February 2, 2010 at 12:00 p.m., Keith visited Antarctica and achieved his dream of visiting the last continent. I congratulate him for his determination to complete this personal milestone.

IN HONOR OF CHRISTI MYERS,  
ABC13 HEALTH CHECK

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2014*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a reporter who has dedicated her career to our health.

As Chairman of the House Ways & Means Health Subcommittee, I pay special attention when Christi Myers comes on my screen, because if there is something new to know in medicine, we all learn it from Christi. Today we are all wondering what we will do when she retires from Houston's ABC 13 at the end of this month. We may all need a "health check" to cope with the shock.

Christi Myers' work in the medical community has set the gold standard. Recognized with a regional Emmy for the story of an infant who now has a piece of his young father's liver, Christi's work has earned more than a 100 awards, including a National Award for Excellence from the Epilepsy Foundation of America, honors from the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, the Harris County Medical Society, the Harris County Pharmacy Association, Houston Press Club, Texas Public Health Association, Texas Medical Association, the Texas AP Broadcasters, and so many more.

Christi Myers can also just as easily cover a story on toxic waste or nomadic herders in the Russian Arctic. In 1989, the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston honored her for reports that helped secure the freedom of a Soviet Jewish family. That's making a real difference. Something Christi is famous for.

Christi's inside look at military medicine during the first days of the Iraq war took us inside operating rooms where American casualties received life saving treatment.

Some of her colleagues call her Dr. Myers because she simply is that good. We can't begin to tally the lives she may have helped save by informing us of new health treatments and cures. If we live to be 100, it's a good bet it's thanks to tips she has provided.

Christi Myers is a rare reporter, having reported at KHOU, KPRC and KTRK, for over

three decades. February 28th is our last opportunity to catch her reports before she devotes herself fulltime to her family. I'd just like to close with a simple "Thank you, Christi."

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT ENFINGER

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2014*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and dedicated service of Mr. Franklin Roosevelt Enfinger. Uncle Frank was a loving husband and father, successful businessman and an integral part of the Northwest Florida community. He was known throughout the area for his gregarious nature, sense of humor, and willingness to help family, friends, and strangers alike. He truly touched the lives of all of those who were blessed to know him.

A native Northwest Floridian, Uncle Frank grew up in Pace, Florida and attended Chumuckla School, where he graduated in 1951. After graduating from high school, he served our Nation with honor and distinction in the United States Air Force before embarking on a long and successful career in business. Uncle Frank developed his business acumen working at Air Products for 20 years, and after leaving Air Products he became a serial entrepreneur. Over the years, he owned and operated numerous successful businesses in the area, before retiring in 1995.

Uncle Frank was also truly devoted to both faith and family. He was an active member of Wallace Baptist Church, and together with his wife of 62 years, Aunt Gwen, he raised four children and was a loving grandfather of ten and great-grandfather of ten.

Mr. Speaker, to some Uncle Frank will be remembered as a successful business leader; to others, a kind-hearted friend and neighbor always willing to lend a helping hand; and to his family, he will always be remembered as a true family man. On behalf of the United States Congress, my wife Vicki and I send our prayers and deepest condolences to Aunt Gwen; our cousins, Frankie, Anne, Darrell, and Denise; and their ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Uncle Frank will truly be missed.

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2014*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) as they celebrate 50 years of providing educational opportunities to the people of Central Pennsylvania.

HACC was established on February 14, 1964 as the first community college in Pennsylvania, with its inaugural class of 426 students matriculating on September 21st of that year. Originally housed at the former Harrisburg Academy site on Front Street, the Col-

lege purchased a 157-acre tract in Wildwood Park, and in April of 1966 broke ground on the \$3.5 million building project, eventually moving to this new campus in 1967. As the student body grew, HACC continued to add buildings and gained the first accreditation for a Pennsylvania community college from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Campuses opened and expanded in Gettysburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York, and off-site learning locations, as well as a robust Virtual Campus were established.

Today, HACC is the largest community college in Pennsylvania, with almost 22,000 degree-seeking and thousands more non-degree seeking students enrolling each semester. The college offers nearly 200 associate degree, certificate, and diploma programs. Approximately one third of students go on to continue their education and pursue a bachelor's degree at a four year college or university. The college also offers workforce development programs in fields such as allied health; law enforcement and security; and technology and trades, giving students the chance to receive affordable training for a specific career. As of 2011, the College had graduated more than 46,467 students in a variety of majors.

Mr. Speaker, Harrisburg Area Community College is the sole institution of its kind serving the Central Pennsylvania region. Therefore, I commend all the students, teachers and other members of the HACC community who have helped this academic institution grow and flourish over the past 50 years.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY CORPS OF  
ENGINEERS CIVILIAN DEPUTY  
COY MILLER

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2014*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Coy Miller, Civilian Deputy of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, upon the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Miller's entire career is comprised of public service, dedication, and devotion to the Huntington Engineer District and the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

After beginning his service to the Federal Government in 1978, Mr. Miller spent many years working throughout the Huntington District to develop and improve its waterways. As a result of his talent and valuable contributions, Coy was promoted to Civilian Deputy in 2003, and in the eleven years since he has been a consistent source of outstanding leadership and vision. Collaborative problem solving, discipline, and enthusiasm are just a few hallmarks of Mr. Miller's unique leadership style, which enable his team to provide the highest professional standards in delivering flood risk management for our communities and navigation solutions for our waterways.

While serving as Civilian Deputy with the Huntington District, Coy has completed numerous projects that positively impact an untold number of West Virginia residents and businesses. Under his leadership, he successfully championed the Huntington District as the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division's Dam Safety Production Center, as well as established the district as the USACE's Dam Safety

Modification Mandatory Center of Expertise. In addition, he oversaw the completion of two massive navigation projects: the Marmet Locks and Dam in Kanawha County and the Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam in Mason and Cabell County, West Virginia.

Recently, Coy's hard work was instrumental in obtaining USACE funding to implement renovations to the Huntington District's Federal Building in the city's downtown business district. The Huntington District also attributes Coy with its great achievements in financial performance, securing obligation values exceeding six hundred million dollars in the past three years alone.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with Coy and have always appreciated his insight and willingness to share his wisdom with me for the betterment of the Second Congressional District as well as the State of West Virginia. It has been an honor to work with such a professional and I hope our paths cross again after his much deserved retirement.

Coy Miller resides in Barboursville, West Virginia with his wife, Janeese. Together they have two sons. Mr. Miller is an active member of his community and is heavily involved in his church, Antioch Missionary Baptist, where he serves as deacon, Sunday school teacher, Team Youth Director, and Team Church Camp Director.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia, our neighboring states, and indeed, the United States of America owe Coy Miller a tremendous debt of gratitude for his many years dedicated service. I am honored to call him a friend and fellow West Virginian.

#### THE HOMEOWNERS TAX FAIRNESS ACT

#### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2014*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Homeowners Tax Fairness Act. In 2012, the 49 state attorneys general announced that they had completed negotiations with the country's five largest mortgage servicers to settle claims arising from mortgage fraud and wrongful foreclosures. The settlement, which amounts to over \$25 billion, is the largest settlement this country has seen since the 1998 Master Tobacco Settlement.

This historic settlement will allow hundreds of thousands of distressed homeowners to stay in their homes through enhanced loan modifications and principal reduction, and it will also provide payments to victims of unfair foreclosure practices. Unfortunately, under current law, those settlement payments would subject the homeowners and servicemembers who receive them to additional tax burdens. For instance, homeowners receiving relief in the form of mortgage debt forgiveness and direct cash payments for wrongful foreclosure could be subject to Federal income tax. Moreover, additional tax would be owed on the payments made to servicemembers who were wrongfully foreclosed on while deployed overseas.

To prevent that injustice, the Homeowners Tax Fairness Act would extend the exclusion for debt forgiveness on a primary residence and exclude the relief payments from income

for homeowners and servicemembers. This bill also considers the particularly egregious actions taken by the five largest banks in violation of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Over the past three years, the five largest servicers violated the law and wrongfully foreclosed or overcharged mortgage interest on servicemembers, many of whom were deployed overseas in combat zones. Accordingly, the Homeowners Tax Fairness Act not only excludes this relief from income to servicemembers, but denies these banks the ability to deduct these payments from their Federal income taxes.

The estimated 1.7 million homeowners eligible to benefit from this settlement deserve to receive the full benefit of this relief—relief that was negotiated in good faith by the States, the banks, and the Federal Government. Collecting Federal income tax on relief for struggling homeowners is not only bad policy, but is simply the wrong thing to do.

As we move forward from one of the worst recessions in American history, we must be vigilant and provide as much help to the American people as possible. This bill will do just that, and will ensure that our homeowners and servicemembers get every bit of relief they deserve.

#### HONORING KELLIE TERRY

#### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 14, 2014*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month this year, I am honored to reflect on the everyday contributions African-Americans have within my district in Bronx County.

Creating sustainable change within the environmental justice movement is a daunting task that takes years of consistency, perseverance, and support. I would like to pay homage to the Bronx's premier leader in environmental justice, Ms. Kellie Terry. For more than a decade she has committed countless hours towards ensuring the South Bronx is free from harmful environmental elements and factors. Her work and her dedication to helping others has improved the lives of many of my constituents.

A native of The Bronx's Highbridge neighborhood, Kellie has always demonstrated a deep commitment to helping others. That commitment began early, as indicated by her participation in the "Take Charge Be Somebody" youth group, and her graduation with honors from the College of the Holy Cross. Since that time, Kellie has been devoted to public service.

As the Executive Director of THE POINT Community Development Corporation, Kellie has established a culture of leadership development that goes beyond the traditional youth development program. THE POINT is a non-profit organization dedicated to youth development and the cultural and economic revitalization of the Hunts Point section of the South Bronx. The young men and women who work and participate at THE POINT learn how culture, the environment, food, and economics all play a critical role in transforming their neighborhood.

Kellie Terry's leadership has been recognized by The Bronx Chamber of Commerce,

El Diario/La Prensa NY, and the New York City Council. She is currently the Board Chair of The New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, the Board Chair of The Bronx River Alliance, and is a candidate for a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Pratt Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Kellie Terry for her selfless, dutiful commitment to the residents of Hunts Point, and for her tireless efforts in making The Bronx a place that is more livable for all residents.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF DOUG VOLLMER, ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, March 14 will mark the end of the long and distinguished career of Douglas K. Vollmer, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations, for Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). Doug has spent nearly 35 years overseeing the congressional relations activities of PVA. His uncompromising leadership has advanced the cause of America's paralyzed veterans. In addition, his work on disability civil rights for all Americans highlighted a career which reflected the mission of his organization to provide opportunities that maximize the independence of its members.

Doug is a native of Toledo, Ohio. He attended Northwestern University and received his undergraduate degree in 1967. Upon graduation, Doug entered the U.S. Navy and was commissioned in May 1968. Doug went on to serve with the River Patrol Forces and as a liaison officer with elements of the 5th Special Forces in the Republic of Vietnam from November 1968 to October 1969. He then spent 20 months serving on the staff of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence for the Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT). Following his service in the U.S. Navy, Doug received his Masters Degree from the University of Hawaii and pursued post-graduate studies at the University of Maryland.

During his career at PVA, Doug has been involved with a broad range of issues affecting both the veterans' community and the larger community of people with disabilities. Since being named the PVA's Associate Executive Director for Government Relations in 1989, he has been involved in the passage of some of the most monumental legislation to be considered by the United States Congress including passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and healthcare eligibility reform for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). He was instrumental in the battle to make Washington's Metro system accessible to wheelchair users; the fight to ensure access to commercial aircraft for people with disabilities; efforts to ensure fair housing policy became a reality for those in need; and he always played a leadership role in defining the VA's budgetary needs for America's disabled veterans every year. Doug's involvement in legislative issues for